

An Tobar Domhain (Rosary & Exam) with Bishop Alan will take place on Sunday, 20th December 9.15pm.

Sunday 20th December ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent

Masses: 8 am, 9.30 am, 11 am, 12.30 pm and 6 pm

Monday 21st December

8 am Mass ~ Brigid Lagan RIP
10 am Mass ~ Ursula McGlynn RIP
7 pm Mass ~ Peter & Susan McGlynn RIP

Tuesday 22nd December

8 am Mass ~ Jimmy Sweeney RIP
10 am Mass ~ Paula Brennan, Paudge McManus & Johnny Lafferty RIP
7 pm Mass ~ Patsy Shiels RIP

Wednesday 23rd December

8 am Mass ~ Eileen, Brian & Michael Dalton RIP
10 am Mass ~ Frank Maguire RIP
7 pm Mass ~ Elizabeth & Joseph Keane & deceased members of the Keane and Ginnelly families RIP
8pm ~ Youth 2000

Thursday 24th December ~ Christmas Eve

8 am Mass ~ Patrick & Mamie Boyce RIP
10 am Mass ~ Priest's Intentions
4 pm, 6 pm, 7.30 pm, 9 pm and 12 midnight
(Seats are fully allocated for these Masses)

Friday 25th December ~ Christmas Day

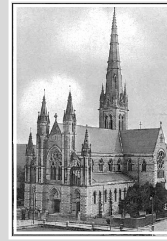
8 am, 9.30 am, 11 am and 12.30 pm
(Seats are fully allocated for these Masses)

Saturday 26th December ~ St. Stephen's Day

10 am Mass ~ Priest's Intention
Vigil Masses ~ 6 pm and 7.30pm

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL LETTERKENNY ~ 9129503/9122366

Divine Mercy Chaplet and Holy Hour daily at 3pm on the Divine Mercy Facebook Page/Cathedral Website, (Click the 'Mobile' button).



**ST. EUNAN'S CATHEDRAL
LETTERKENNY
NEWSLETTER
Sunday 20th December 2020
Fourth Sunday of Advent**

There is a huge desire for continuity and tradition at Christmas. Part of that stems from our cherished childhood memories of home, and a part from memories we have created for ourselves from year to year. So, the disruption of our Christmas routine is unwelcome and disappointing. Choirs will not sing out, congregations will be depleted, our homes will be quieter. But it is not a time without opportunity. For some, of course, a quieter and less frenetic Christmas celebration will be very welcome, but for most some effort is needed to embrace the quiet and the new.

It is our hope that families will take time to pray at home on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, since the great majority will be unable to come to Mass. It is a year when the family as the "Domestic Church" takes on new meaning, when we can take time to stop, pray, be unafraid of moments of prayerful silence, and be joined to one another in that unique way that makes us realise our closeness to one another in the Lord.

We have prepared a simple prayer service that you can use at home. We encourage you to use it and to involve the different members of your household in it. The leaflet will be available in hard copy from the Cathedral and for printing at home from the parish Facebook Page. It really is better to pray "in person", but if you are shy about singing, the service is also recorded, and you can join in that way! The recording will be available on the parish Facebook Page, and on the "Featured Videos" tab of the parish webcam window.

At the heart of this moment of prayer is the crib, and the tradition of lighting a candle to place in our windows as a sign of welcome for the Holy Family as they seek a place of shelter wherein Christ can be born. Make a Bethlehem for him in your hearts, that he can be born once more in newness and beauty, disarming and vulnerable, opening your heart and filling you with the light that comes from his. Remember, candles must be watched!

We wish you a safe and blessed Christmas, a prayerful Christmas, and a renewal of divine grace in your hearts as we walk together this challenging pandemic path for some time yet. Beannacht Dé ort agus faoi choimirce na Maignheana Beannaithe thú san bhliain atá amach romhain.

Parish Office Hours: Monday to Friday (9.30 am - 4.30 pm)

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Live **Web Streaming** from the Cathedral ~ churchservices.tv/letterkenny

As far as possible ~ **please do what you can over the PHONE or by EMAIL**

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Cathedral have produced a **pack of five CHRISTMAS CARDS (€5 per pack)**. The Recipient's intentions are included in all Masses in the Cathedral from 25th December until 1st January. The cards are **ON SALE** in the **Parochial House** (please phone in your order to 9121021); **Veritas , Vincent's and the County Dry Cleaners**, Lower Main Street also **Mac's Mace**, High Road; **Jones Oil**, Port Road and **Tinney's Oil**, Bonagee. **Any profit, after printing costs, will be donated to the local St. Vincent de Paul Society.**

CONFESSION TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS WEEK: Sunday: 2 pm - 5 pm.
Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday: 11 am - 1pm and 8 pm - 9 pm.
Confessions are being heard on the open sanctuary at present.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses are FULLY BOOKED.

HELP NEEDED FOR SANTISING SEATS IN THE CATHEDRAL - If you are willing to help with sanitising Seats after Masses, please text 086-3161376 leaving your name and number. Your help will be appreciated.

We invite you to place a **RIBBON ON LETTERKENNY ROTARY CLUB VIRTUAL TREE OF REMEMBRANCE** in exchange for a donation in aid of our main beneficiary Charity - St. Vincent De Paul Society You can do this by clicking on the link located on our **FACEBOOK PAGE** - Letterkenny Rotary Tree of Remembrance or go directly to: <https://letterkennyrotaryclub.givingtrees.ie/>

SUNDAY ENVELOPES 2021

Our Boxes of Sunday Envelopes are now READY FOR DISTRIBUTION. If you delivered them in previous years, we would appreciate your assistance this year again! If you are resident in the Parish and interested in receiving a Box for 2021, please give the Parish Office a call on 9121021. **If you live outside our Parish Area but use our Box of Envelopes**, please call to the Parochial House to collect your box.



Please do not attend the Cathedral if you have a high temperature, cough, sneezing or any signs of Covid-19.

Modified Level 3 Covid-19 Restrictions from 1st December 2020

The faithful may be present for Mass and other liturgies from 1st December. The same limits and protocols apply as when we opened on 29th June:

• N.B.: **SUNDAY MASS TIMES:**

Vigil: Saturday 6pm; 7.30pm. Sunday 8am; 9.30am; 11am; 12:30pm, 6pm

- Because of the limited number of places, it is necessary to register for attendance at Sunday Masses. Please contact the Parish Office directly by phone. If you registered in the summer, that still holds, but if you have decided not to come to Mass at this time, please inform the parish office so your place can be given to another.
- **It is not necessary to have a seat allocated for weekday Mass.** Please leave **10 am Mass** to the elderly and those with underlying conditions.
- Please **LEAVE Friday Evening Mass** to the **IMMEDIATE FAMILY** of the deceased.
- Please **LEAVE Month's Mind Masses** to the family of the deceased.
- Please follow this simple principle when taking a seat: **TWO PEOPLE PER PEW, OR ONE HOUSEHOLD.**
- Please observe the two metre rule when entering the Cathedral, going for Holy Communion or exiting the Cathedral, and at all times both inside and in the grounds of the Cathedral.
- Please **wear a mask in the Cathedral** unless a medical condition prevents you from doing so. This is for your own protection and out of consideration for those in the Cathedral with you.
- **Please sanitise your hands upon entrance and exit.**
- Please **do not** congregate at the doors or in the Cathedral grounds.
- **Sacristy Access:** To minimise risk to our Sacristy and Volunteers, **it will not be possible to allow general access to the Sacristy** for the time being.
- Please **arrange Masses** through the Parish Office and arrange to meet with a Priest at the Parochial House - 9121021.

SUNDAY ENVELOPES & DONATIONS ~ 13th December 2020 - €5,849
PARISH EXPENDITURE ~ €30,948.83

(Includes final payment of €17,613.90 for Diocesan Dues)

Sincere thanks to all who accumulated their offerings during the lockdown.

Thank you for your gift to God and His Church

We deeply appreciate your continued Spiritual and Financial support